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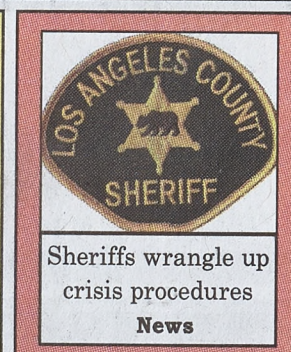
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NATIONAL NEWS

Tubman on the new \$20 in 2020

■ Harriet Tubman slated to lead the way for a more inclusive theme for American money.

By SOLOMON SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The twenty-dollar bill is scheduled for a new look featuring Harriet Tubman, while pushing slave owner and former President Andrew Jackson to the rear of the bill along with a picture of the White House.

Changes to the bill are planned as part of a new look to U.S. currency—specifically mentioned are the twenty, ten, and five-dollar notes. According to the U.S. Treasury Department's website, Modern Money, the bill's design will be revealed in 2020 to coincide with the Nineteenth Amendment's one hundredth anniversary.

The 2020 date was also chosen to address security concerns. The Treasury stated that it needed time to improve and test security feature on the new bills, which will be released incrementally beginning with the twenty-dollar bill.

The new bills will prominently feature women throughout American history, though not on the front of the bills. Tubman will be the face of the twenty-dollar note, while the ten and five-dollar bills retain their current front portraits of Alexander Hamilton and President Lincoln, respectively. The rear of the ten-dollar bill will feature several women in a celebration of the women's suffrage movement: Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Alice Paul will all be featured with the Treasury Building. The theme of the five-dollar note is described as, "honoring historic events that occurred at the Lincoln Memorial in service of our democracy," according to the Modern Money website.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Marian Anderson and Martin Luther King Jr. will all be on the rear of the five-dollar note. The Treasury claims to have instituted these changes after listening to the feedback of the American people.

The site Modern Money says, "America's currency is a statement about who we are as a nation. Our modern money honors our history and celebrates our values."

Tubman was born into slavery around 1820 as Araminta Harriet Ross, a child of two slaves. She endured the hardships of slavery throughout her life. As a child, Tubman was whipped and bore the scars the remainder of her life. She suffered one of her after refusing to help subdue a slave—the slaveholder

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Valley's voters are feeling "the Bern"

■ Bernie Sanders's campaign "rocked the vote" Tuesday afternoon in the free speech area in front of Valley's Campus Center.



STEP RIGHT UP - Robyn Sumners, a pledged Bernie Sanders delegate from California's 29th congressional district, canvasses for the candidate Tuesday in Valley's free speech area. ALVIN CUADRA / PHOTO EDITOR

By SOLOMON SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Members of Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign stopped at Valley College Tuesday to register

students for the primary election, encourage them to vote and warn them there are only a few days left to register.

Sanders supporters are registering students to vote

throughout Los Angeles County as part of a "Rock the Campus" initiative. Their three-stop tour of the San Fernando Valley included earlier stops Tuesday at CSUN and

Pierce College, in anticipation of California's May 23 deadline to register. A table set up in Valley's quad area decorated with red, white and blue announced the arrival of the Sanders cam-

paign on campus, where they stayed from 2 to 3 p.m. "I like the fact that [Sanders] thinks about everybody," Dulce Nunez, a

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UPCOMING VALLEY COLLEGE EVENTS

■ The LAVC Dance Program's production of "Full Circle" runs from May 12 to 14 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

■ A blood drive organized by the American Red Cross and the LAVC Health Center will take place on May 17 in Monarch Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ ASU's Inter-Club Council Meeting will occur Thursday in the Skybox Conference Room from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

■ A "Final Exam/Paper Prep" Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Academic Resource Center will take place on May 23 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Library and Academic Resource Center.

■ ASU's Club Day will take place on May 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Monarch Square.

■ An LAVC Astronomy Group lecture sponsored by the LAVC Earth Sciences Department will take place on May 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the planetarium.

Able emcees take the stage

■ Valley's Abilities Club will host an open-mic night and rap battle contest in Monarch Hall on May 19. The first-place winner will receive a cash prize.

By COURTNEY MELOCHE
& JAMIE GARCIA
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Valley College students and the surrounding community will have a chance to show off their "abilities" next week when the campus' Abilities Club hosts its fourth annual "Open-Mic Night and Rap Contest."

According to Valley's website, the Abilities Club offers students with disabilities the chance showcase their talents, and provide opportunities for growth and expression.

Dean Valentino, the college's special services assistant, adds that the

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office serves about 1,000 students per semester. The office, at the student services annex, offers counseling, testing assistance, tutoring, and digital recording.

"I enjoy working here," Valentino said. "I've been able to help many students with disabilities over the years."

The Abilities Club free event, boasting the theme "Don't-Dis-My-Ability," will take place Thursday, May 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Attendees can look forward to live music, spoken-word poetry, and a fea-

tured performance by DJ M&M. The rap contest winner, decided by applause, will win \$100, with additional prizes for second and third place. Refreshments will be available for a small fee.

"This event is for anyone on campus with or without a disability," says Dave Mallas, faculty advisor to the club and head baseball coach at Valley. "Students look for a platform to perform at a public venue and to play in front of 100 people is a big deal. People get a chance to hear their own voice, to show their talents in front of friends and family."

Silver-tongued Monarchs strike gold

■ Valley's forensics skills pay the bills.



COURTESY OF ABDULLAH SALEHUDDIN
ECSTASY OF GOLD - Salehuddin earned gold for his informative speech.

By HENRY GUEMBES
STAFF WRITER

Valley College's Forensics team used, in part, GoFundMe to help finance its trip to the 2016 Phi Rho Pi National Speech Competition, and the resourcefulness paid off as

the team brought home gold and silver medals to cap off the school's best finish ever.

Phi Rho Pi hosts a yearly speech competition that includes 64 community colleges from across the nation. Around 700 participants

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ILLUSTRATION BY RICARDO VARELA / VALLEY STAR

FRONT AT LAST - Tubman will replace President Andrew Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill in the near future.

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threw a weight at the renegade slave and missed, hitting her in the head instead. She would contend with seizures, bouts of narcolepsy and headaches for the rest of her life, symptoms which would plague her as she led

other slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Tubman also served as an armed scout during the Civil War; described as a slight woman, she helped release an estimated 700 slaves during the Combahee River Raid. With the passing of the Fugitive Slave Laws of 1850, allowing the

retrieval of escaped slaves in the United States, she helped slaves escape north to Canada, gaining the moniker "Moses," according to several sources including PBS.com.

Tubman is considered one of the greatest abolitionists in American history.

Valley College's cafeteria feels the heat of slipping sales

■ Flyers posted throughout campus alert students to menu and pricing changes that harken back to Angulo Food Services's days as a food truck.

BY MELINDA HENRICKS
STAFF WRITER

Angulo Food Services is lowering prices and returning to their food-truck menu in the Student Union Building's cafeteria to cater to the needs of students. Additions to the menu such as pizza and Chinese food will remain available.

The pricing changes and availability of the old menu is effective immediately. Jesus "Chuy" Angulo, head of AFS and their former on-campus food truck, has taken on more of a behind-the-scenes role with the cafeteria. Alex Vasquez, long-time right-hand man to Angulo, admitted that the lesson learned is "if it isn't

broken, don't fix it."

"We want students to know that we hear their complaints and are here to serve their needs," Vasquez said. "The new menu was developed to create more choices and deliver high-quality food."

Vasquez said that AFS is responsive to students' needs and is ready to implement necessary changes. As such, the cafeteria staff was streamlined and the menu was amended. Salad wraps are no longer offered, and overall pricing reverted to food-truck levels. The method previously used for preparing Mexican food was restored, and panini sandwiches are now offered as well. The menu remains

fluid and additional items will be cut as sales dictate.

"The [old] price increase was due to adding staff and the higher rent that needs to be paid," Vasquez said. "As with anything new, a trial-and-error period exists."

Several students stated they are eating food from on-campus vending machines or buying food off-campus, as cafeteria prices are too high for their budget.

"I would like to see the prices further reduced," sophomore Matthew Smith said. "We are all just trying to make it."

A friend of Smith added that food prices should not be this high at a community college.

Valley's sheriffs aim to improve crisis response

■ Campus sheriffs will attempt to shore up emergency procedures in the wake of recurring threats to campus safety.

BY DEDE OGBUEZE
STAFF WRITER

Valley College is no stranger to threats and incidents on campus. Valley was evacuated due to several threats made against campus on March 30, the day before Cesar Chavez Day and the spring break holiday that followed.

The threats were deemed neutralized and no one was harmed, but instances like these raise eyebrows about the Valley's emergency preparation and response. Students were made aware of the evacuation via text message alert, a part of the school's "Blackboard" notification system, according to Deputy Sheriff Javante Brown.

"We are working on making the communication faster," said Brown. "This last incident, students were getting information from other students, instead of from [the sheriff's office], so we need to prevent that."

Several students say that the evacuation happened quickly, but there was some confusion.

"I wasn't even in class when I got [the message]," said Jorge Garcia, sophomore. "I saw a bunch of people leaving, and when I heard sirens, it made sense."

Students were informed that it was an immediate evacuation. Under this protocol, students are asked to leave campus and return for their vehicles and personal belongings later.

The message the students received read, "Dear campus community, LAVC has received several threats and are working with law enforcement to validate these threats. The campus is being evacuated. Please leave the campus immediately and calmly. This is not a drill. All evening classes are cancelled."

Students were notified by email that the threats were not credible. There is an emergency response information plan that outlines all of the campus procedures in the case of several different emergency situations on the campus sheriff's section of Valley's

website. Emergency procedures outlined include, but are not limited to, bomb threats, active shooters, fires, earthquakes and violent demonstrations.

Valley's executive plan urges students to act swiftly and to use common sense when reacting to an unexpected incident. "While this guide does not cover every conceivable situation, it does supply the basic guidelines necessary to cope with most campus emergencies," reads the executive plan.

Students are urged to follow protocol and to protect their own lives before assisting others. Sheriff Brown stated that in the case of future evacuations, there will be designated members of the campus Emergency Operations Center dressed in yellow vests guiding students and faculty to safety.

According to Brown, faculty is being briefed on safety procedures and will undergo building marshalling training.



BELEN CAMPIRANO / VALLEY STAR

EXPANDING THE URBAN FOREST - Students and faculty recently gathered in Monarch Hall to commemorate Arbor Day, where they planted six tulip trees, awarded scholarships in an art contest and celebrated The Arbor Day Foundation's renewal of Valley College's status as a Tree Campus USA for the fourth time.

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speak in a variety of different forensic categories. This year, the nationals were held in Costa Mesa.

Two years ago, Valley placed two speeches into the final round, both by the same speaker; this year, 12 individuals entered 23 speeches in the final round. Of those 12, two won gold. Overall, the Monarchs earned a silver rating. Valley also boasts one of the smartest teams in the country with a 3.65 team GPA.

"It's pretty huge—I think we became this symbol for what other schools like us can do," said head coach Kevin Briancesco. "The fact that we were doing so well showed that you don't need to be a giant-budget school, with enough hard work and some talent, we can overcome these things."

This is 34-year-old Briancesco's first year as head coach, though he has

coached with the team for 3 years. Assistants Allison Bowman and Jimmy Gomez also played a part with the team. Briancesco collected the Collie-Taylor Coach Fellowship Award, which is given to the most outstanding coach at the national tournament as voted by students attending the tournament. He's embraced the diversity throughout Valley's forensics team and prides himself in being able to coach such a "ragtag" group.

"I was the first one in my family to go to school," Briancesco said. "It was speech and debate that allowed me to get to that next level. Just seeing the doors that these activities open up for students—it keeps me wanting to coach them."

Abdullah Salehuddin, a second-year team member, finished with gold in the informative forensics category.

"I enjoy speaking and I didn't know this about

myself prior to being recruited into the team," he said. "In my first year, I gave a persuasive speech against the over-medicalization of boys with ADHD—one of the members of the audience began to cry. It was at that moment that I realized that it wasn't about the trophies, it was about having a voice and being able to speak for marginalized groups."

Dominique Bautista, also in his second year, earned gold in the program oral interpretation category. He took a year-long break from the team in 2015; this year, he took nationals by storm.

"For us to do so well after having so little was just a testament to the hard work we put in here," Bautista said. "Our team in specific, because we are small, have a tight-knit group. Everyone encouraged each other and it paid off in the end."

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a 20-year-old first-time voter in her second year at Valley, said. "He's not just thinking about himself. He's thinking about students, immigrants—not just white people."

Robyn Sumners—a delegate pledged for Sanders from California's 29th congressional district, who is spearheading his campaign's local push—and fellow organizer Gloria Hylton invited students to their booth as they made their way through Monarch Square. Some were older students who had already registered, while many were would-be first-time voters. Turnout was low, but passersby shouted their

support of the campaigners; college students are one of the Sanders campaign's major supporting demographics.

Enfranchising students is congruent with Sanders's platform of inclusion, and many in the Sanders camp have levied complaints of unfairness against the Democratic Party itself. Supporters such as Sumners accuse the party of playing dirty, and they are not completely satisfied with the rules of the system.

"Because of the clubs, the Democratic and Republican Party, they can make rules that aren't necessarily fair," Sumners said.

With the backing of several famous Sanders supporters, volunteers worked to enlist passersby

to their cause. Three actors and activists involved were Gabby Hoffman, Nicholas Gonzalez and Charlyne Yi. According to Nicholas Gonzalez, Bernie Sanders's honesty reinvigorated his interest in politics. Sanders' platform also excites many of his supporters, like Charlyne Yi, from the movie "Knocked Up."

"[I like Sanders] because he's the only [candidate] against fracking," Yi said. "I feel like there's so many unwanted side effects from it and there's no remedy from the situation."

Although much of the media has declared Sanders a dead horse in the race, his supporters are still pushing for a win at July's Democratic National Convention. According to Sumners,

Sanders organizers are focused on confirming and organizing voter registration, informing voters of practices they see as negatively affecting Sanders's base and making sure voters are declared as either Democrat or no party preference before the deadline so they can vote in the upcoming election on June 7.

"We're making sure the same thing that happened in New York and Arizona don't happen all over again," Sumners said.

New York and Arizona were hotly contested. Brooklyn was the epicenter of New York's election issues, where about 125,000 voters were dropped from the roll due to either late registration or being mistakenly listed as having

moved out of state, according to the Washington Post.

"[Voter purging] is something people should know about," Hylton stated. "Whether you're registered or not, you should always double check."

Both Democratic candidates have also filed a lawsuit against the state of Arizona, claiming systematic suppression of minority votes through House Bill 2023 and other means. The main goal for both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders is to level the playing field before November's general election, according to an article in The Washington Post.

Sumners informed students about voting with no party preference and the nature of the partially-open Democratic vote in California. Each state and party establishes its own rules about the voting process, which has been confusing to many voters, according to Sumners. No party preference voters must specifically request a Democratic ballot, Sumners said, and

many people are not aware of the rules.

The "Bernie or Bust" movement is working to gather enough votes to force a contested convention in Philadelphia. A contested convention occurs when no single candidate has secured a majority of delegates ahead of a primary election. Attending delegates then vote for the candidate of their choice in a series of ballots until a nominee is chosen, according to an article from CBS News.

Hillary Clinton currently has 1,705 pledged delegates and 523 superdelegates, and Bernie Sanders has 1,414 pledged delegates and 39 superdelegates. Pledged delegates are required to vote for whom they pledge, while superdelegates are free to vote as they like. These figures, coupled with California's 475 delegates, indicate to Sanders and his supporters that he still has a chance, further cementing the importance of his campaign's presence here.



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BALLOT BOX BATTLE - Twenty-one-year-old film major Luis Jimenez and 18-year-old Darian Morales register to vote Tuesday.

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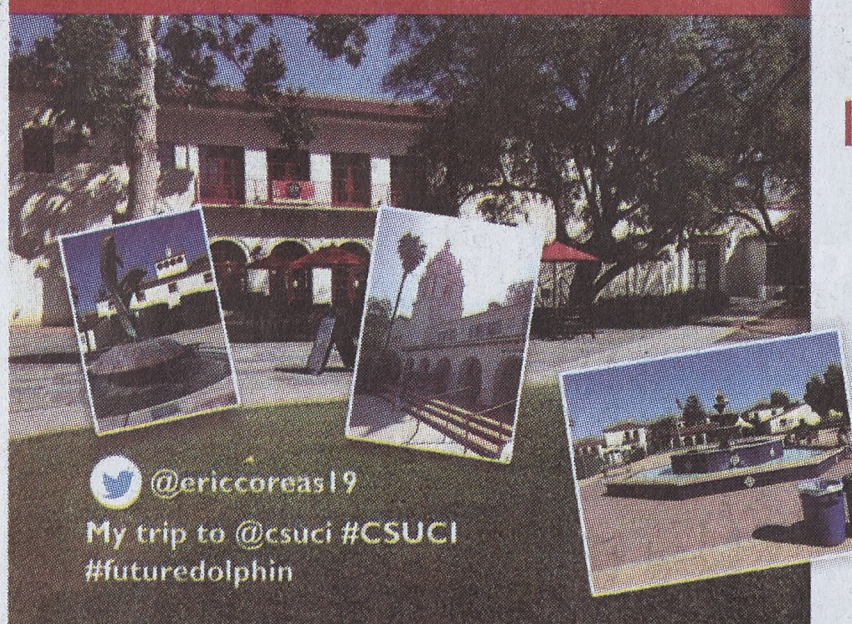


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